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SUBJECT: NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE--RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO

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1. IN ACCORD WITH INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED PARA 4, DCM AND POLOFF OCTOBER 1 ORALLY CONVEYED TO BERNARD MUGANDA, DIRECTOR EUROPE AND THE AMERICAS DIVISION, FOREIGN MINISTRY, APPROPRIATE PORTIONS REFTEL. DCM NOTED THAT MUGANDA HAD BEEN PARTICIPANT AT LIMA CONFERENCE AND INVITED HIS GENERAL COMMENTS ON PROCEEDINGS THERE.

2. MUGANDA RESPONDED THAT HE INTERESTED TO LEARN FOREGOING. US APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MISINFORMED BY OTHER LIMA PARTICIPANTS AS TO WHAT TRANSPIRED THERE, SAID MUGANDA, WHO OFFERED FOLLOWING VERSION.

3. MUGANDA SAID THAT PARAGRAPH 47 ON PUERTO RICO (QUOTED REFTEL PARA ONE) WHICH HAD BEEN INTRODUCED BY SOCIALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO AND SECONDED BY CUBA, WAS SUBSEQUENTLY WITHDRAWN BY THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SAME PARTIES AFTER PHILIPPINES AND INDONESIA OBJECTED. A NUMBER

OF DELEGATIONS HAD REQUESTED THAT SPONSORS PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF PUERTO RICO'S COLONIAL STATUS AND SUGGESTED THAT A STUDY BE MADE FOR SUBMISSION TO NON-ALIGNED HEADS OF GOVERNMENT SUMMIT AT COLOMBO. PARAGRAPH 47 WAS ALSO OPPOSED BY YUGOSLAVIA, INDIA AND ZAIRE. CONFERENCE DOCUMENT EVIDENCING WITHDRAWAL OF RESOLUTION IDENTIFIED AS NAC/CONF.5/PC/L.5 DATED AUGUST 27, 1975. ACCORDING TO MUGANDA, IT IS PUBLIC PAPER WHICH SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO STATE DEPARTMENT.

4. MUGANDA NOTED THAT NO FORMAL VOTES HAD BEEN TAKEN AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, AND SAID THE VARIOUS RESOLUTIONS PROPOSED WERE ADOPTED "BY CONSENSUS," UNLESS SERIOUS OBJECTIONS WERE RAISED TO THEM BY ONE OR MORE DELEGATIONS. THUS, PORTUGAL WAS SEATED AS "GUEST" RATHER THAN "OBSERVER" BECAUSE OF OBJECTIONS FROM ZAIRE. IN ADDITION TO THE WITHDRAWN RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO, HE SAID, A SYRIAN-PLO-LIBYAN RESOLUTION ON ISRAEL HAD BEEN MODIFIED AT INSISTENCE OF AFRICANS, AND A RESOLUTION ON ERITREA HAD ALSO BEEN CHANGED.

5. MUGANDA VOLUNTEERED THAT COPIES OF TANZANIA DAILY NEWS ISSUE REPRODUCING EMBASSY LETTER ON PUERTO RICAN QUESTION (PARA 6 REFTEL) WERE NOT DISTRIBUTED BY TANGOV. ON THE CONTRARY, THIS WAS SOURCE OF EMBARRASSMENT AS TANGOV DID NOT WISH TO HAVE PUERTO RICAN ISSUE RAISED AT CONFERENCE "IN LIGHT OF US REACTION AFTER UN VOTE." TANGOV DELEGATION AT LIMA WAS ASTONISHED TO FIND COPIES OF LETTER PLACED ON ALL DELEGATES' DESKS BY SOCIALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO, WHICH HAD PRESUMABLY GOT THE ORIGINAL FROM ITS CUBAN CO-SPONSORS. MUGANDA NOTED THAT OFFICER FROM CUBAN EMBASSY IN DAR ES SALAAM HAD ATTENDED LIMA CONFERENCE.

6. MUGANDA OPINED THAT CUBANS WERE LIKELY TO RAISE PUERTO RICO AT ANY FORUM POSSIBLE, WHETHER RELEVANT OR NOT (AS SOME ARABS RAISE THE QUESTION OF ISRAEL, HE ADDED) AND THAT IT MIGHT COME UP BEFORE UNITED NATIONS OR SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. HE STATED THAT TANZANIA WOULD NOT INITIATE THIS.

7. ACTION REQUESTED.

A) MUGANDA IS SKILLFUL DIPLOMAT ADEPT AT PUTTING TANGOV ACTIONS IN BEST POSSIBLE LIGHT FOR AMERICANS. NEVERTHELESS, WE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAVE NOT UP TO NOW VIEWED HIS AS A FABRICATOR. WOULD, THEREFORE, APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS AS TO ACCURACY MUGANDA'S STATEMENTS, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS WITHDRAWAL OF OFFENDING PARAGRAPH 47.

B) MUGANDA'S TONE THROUGHOUT CONVERSATION WAS POSITIVE. HE SAID THAT HE HAD SPENT HIS HONEYMOON IN PUERTO RICO. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT PRESIDENT NYERERE HAD ASKED FOR THOROUGH STUDY OF PUERTO RICAN QUESTION AND ASKED IF EMBASSY COULD SUPPLY

HISTORICAL ARTICLES AND OTHER LITERATURE TO ASSIST HIM. EMBASSY
BELIEVES THAT THIS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE INVESTMENT OF DEPARTMENT'S
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